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TAGS: CDES, GR, (WILSON, GEORGE ALAN)  
SUBJECT: DEATHS: GEORGE ALAN WILSON

TO: MR. JOHN KOOY  
534 MARIN AVENUE  
MILL VALLEY, CALIFORNIA 94941

1. ACCORDING TO UNOFFICIAL INFORMATION, YOU HAVE ALREADY BEEN INFORMED BY BECHTEL INTERNATIONAL, SAUDI ARABIA, OF THE DEATH ON APRIL 6, 1978 OF GEORGE ALAN WILSON AT THE HYGHEIA HOSPITAL IN ATHENS. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST CONFIRM THIS NEWS. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED APRIL 7, 1978 FROM THE ABOVE HOSPITAL, CAUSE OF DEATH SAID TO HAVE BEEN HEART TROUBLE.

2. MR WILSON'S PASSPORT CONTAINS YOUR NAME AS THE EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE. THE EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED HIS IMMEDIATE PERSONAL EFFECTS FROM THE HOSPITAL AND WILL WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.

3. WHILE THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNOFFICIALLY INFORMED THAT A BECHTEL REPRESENTATIVE MAY BE COMING TO ATHENS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISPOSITION OF MR. WILSON'S REMAINS, IN THE EVENT THAT IS NOT THE CASE, I MUST URGENTLY DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING.

4. GREEK LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL OR THAT ARRANGEMENTS  
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BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE MR. WILSON'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION FOR SHIPMENT AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO CALIFORNIA WOULD COST \$2,300. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS \$600. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE. CREMATION IS NOT POSSIBLE IN GREECE.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- A. TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY ATHENS, GREECE, AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT IS DESIRED.
- B. TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY, CONSTITUTION SQUARE, ATHENS, GREECE, PAYABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, ATHENS, GREECE
- C. IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S., YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU

6. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY FOUR DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

7. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY PHONING 712-951 IN ATHENS. PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.  
AMERICAN EMBASSY  
ATHENS, GREECE.  
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